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SUBJECT: UNESCO: PROPOSALS FOR U. S. MEMBER OF
COMMITTEE OF "WISE MEN"

1. DEPT IS SIFTING SOME 35-40 NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR
"WISE MAN" POSITION THAT WE UNDERSTAND IS UNOFFICIALLY
EARMARKED FOR A U. S. MEMBER. IT WILL TAKE UPTO TEN
DAYS TO DO THOROUGH JOB.

2. PERM DEL REQUESTED TO INFORM DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT
WE WISH TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH HIM IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT
UNDERTAKING, AND WE BELIEVE WE CAN BE OF GREATEST HELP TO
HIM BY PROVIDING A CAREFULLY COMPILED SHORT LIST OF ABOUT
TEN INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS HE HAS INDICATED
THE "WISE MEN" SHOULD HAVE, WHO ARE AVAILABLE TO SERVE,
AND WHO COMMAND THE RESPECT OF THE AMERICAN MEDIA. LATTER
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QUALITY WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN SECURING WIDE-
SPREAD ACCEPTANCE BY AMERICAN MEDIA AND PUBLIC OF WORK
DONE BY THIS COMMITTEE.

3. WE FULLY AWARE DIRECTOR GENERAL MAY HAVE OTHER SOURCES
OF ASSISTANCE IN CHOOSING A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN
MEDIA, AND THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTING WISE MEN

IS HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE HE WILL FIND OUR

SUGGESTIONS TO BE IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH HIS OWN STATED
OBJECTIVES IN THIS MATTER.

4. REQUEST PERM DEL TO ASK M'BOW IF HE COULD DELAY FINAL
DECISION ON FILLING THE "AMERICAN" POSITION UNTIL
FEBRUARY 21, BEFORE WHICH TIME WE WILL PROVIDE SEVERAL
CAREFULLY SELECTED NAMES FOR HIS CONSIDERATION.

5. PERM REP SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OR
OTHER SECRETARIAT MEMBER IF THE WISE MEN WILL BE PERMITTED
TO HAVE ADVISERS AT MEETINGS. WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT
ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL CAN SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY ON ALL THE
ISSUES TO BE COVERED, AND ADVISERS WILL BE NECESSARY.

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